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BE WATCHFUL.

Though it is absolutely necessary for Democrats to be watchful in every district of Virginia until sunset Tuesday, it is particularly the case in the First, Second, Fourth, Eighth and Ninth districts. William A. Jones, Dr. John W. Lawson, James F. Epses, W. H. F. Lee and Hon. John A. Buchanan are making a gallant fight in their respective districts, but Radicalism, disguised or open, is steadily opposing them. They are holding their own manfully, and if every Democrat and lover of Virginia votes for them they will be elected. But every Democratic vote is necessary that they may receive such majorities as will be forever a rebuke to those whose personal pique, personal ambition and personal gain influence to strike a blow at the liberties of Virginia.

MINISTER TO HAYTI.

The delay of Frederick Douglass is going back to his post at Port-au-Prince, several weeks after he should have set out, has now ended, it is reported, in his resignation. The only explanation offered is that Mr. Blaine considered it inexpedient that Douglass should return, but on what ground is not definitely known.

So far as the public are aware the present Minister to Hayti has filled the office with the required degree of ability and faithfulness, and the strong probability of this is confirmed by the fact that his associates with the distinguished Republicans in office at Washington have never been more intimate and cordial. There has been no coolness whatever in the intercourse between Mr. Blaine and himself; on the contrary, there is every reason to believe that he enjoys the highest confidence of the Secretary of State.

Why, then, has the Minister resigned his position, if he has really resigned? Is it possible that he has so soon become disgusted with the civilization, or the pretences at civilization, of his race in the Haytian republic? Has he found the condition of affairs in that country so revolting to him as a man, and so discouraging to him as a negro that he is unwilling to place himself a second time in a position where he will be compelled to observe it again? Like all who visit Hayti, Minister Douglass is no doubt thoroughly disheartened in his views as to the negro's future, and the aspect of everything he saw there has very naturally left upon him very dismal and very hateful impressions.

It is not wholly improbable, however, that the Minister was recalled at the request of the Haytian authorities. It has been long known that the Haytian Government preferred this country to be represented at Port-au-Prince by a white man, the United States being the only nation that sends a Government a negro as its accredited agent.

The appointment of Douglass' successor will be awaited with interest. It is altogether likely that his successor will not be a negro.

MCKINLEY.

There is but one man in the small circle of Republicans who are the recognized leaders of their party in national affairs who makes the impression that he is deeply in earnest in his views on the enlargement of the scope of the protective policy. This is McKinley. Although the most extreme and uncompromising exponent of this most unpatriotic policy, there can be little doubt that he is perfectly sincere in the opinions which he entertains, and, in consequence, he is in many respects the most dangerous man now in public life. The whole tenor of his political conduct is destructive of our free institutions, and yet it is impossible to impugn his integrity. It is easy enough to discover that Blaine, with his ability and experience, is a mere shrewd trickster, prepared to wear with every wind if his political prospects are to be promoted thereby. It would not be at all surprising to find him a few years hence as ardent a free-trader as he is now a protectionist if the sentiment of his party alters on the tariff. He is practically a man without serious convictions, except so far as his interests will be subserved.

Reed, on the other hand, is a burly tyrant, who is probably sincere enough in his protectionist views, but who loves the power which the moneyed classes can confer rather than the people, and who is ready to sacrifice justice and even the form of our Government to maintain the supremacy of his party.

McKinley is a man of undoubted integrity and almost wholly lacking in the qualities of a demagogue. He is, in fact, fanatic in his opinions, and however widely his opponents may differ from him, it is impossible not to respect his sincerity.

and in private life where women are to be attended, there is a need and a place for learned and capable women physicians."

These words will be warmly approved by all who have given any thought to the subject. In no report has the progress which civilization has made in the present century been more clearly shown than in the more liberal views which have sprang up as to the career of women in life, and especially as to their relations to the medical profession and other pursuits of a kindred character to which they are naturally adapted.

The banquet to be given on the 13th of November at Columbus in honor of the seventy-seventh birthday of Allen G. Thurman, promises to be one of the most memorable occasions of the present year. A number of very distinguished guests, including Mr. Cleveland, have been invited to attend and respond to toasts. There is no member of the Democratic party who is entitled to higher consideration for the services which he has performed than Allen G. Thurman, who is one of the sturdiest and noblest patriots whom this country has ever produced. Simple, yet powerful as a speaker, a man of trained professional ability and of matured political experience, he has few, if any, superiors in the range of the public men of the United States. The national Democracy will be present in spirit at the banquet to be given to him, and will echo the sentiments of respect, admiration and gratitude that will be expressed in appreciation of his illustrious career.

THE meeting held at the Theatre last night, under the auspices of the Pocahontas Club, was attended by one of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences that has assembled in this district during the growth of the present Democratic canvas. The issues to be decided at the approaching election were presented with great clearness and force by the speakers of the occasion, and the warmth and earnestness with which their stirring remarks were received constituted a fair indication of the resolute spirit by which the Democrats of the metropolitan district are moved. No complaint can be made that the duty of every Democrat has not been clearly defined. The responsiveness of the great audience which gave the distinguished speakers who delivered the addresses showed unmistakably that the Democratic voters of this district not only understand their duty, but are fully determined to perform it.

THE accident which occurred last night on Main street on the electric line, by which a child will probably lose its life by being run over, is only another event in keeping with several of a like character that have recently happened on the same line. THE TIMES has on several occasions entered an earnest protest against the increasing frequency with which such accidents are now taking place. Though in this instance it seems that the motor-man was not to blame, such accidents should certainly impress upon all the need for the highest degree of caution.

WHERE is that tin-plate factory which was to have been erected, first at Baltimore and then at Chicago? So far as the public are aware, no step has been taken to establish the plant, about which some weeks ago there was such a loud flourish of trumpets. The imposition of a tax of four cents on tin-plate was an excellent indication that the manufacturers of iron roofing had a hand in the schedule of the McKinley bill, which advanced the duty on that article of commerce.

THE canvass which Mr. Epses is making in the Fourth district is one of the most active and earnest that has ever been witnessed upon the same ground. A more capable successor to Mr. Venable could not have been found.

We Shall Always Try to Merit This.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 30, 1890.

THE TIMES, As a member of the Bar of Richmond, I desire to commend the public spirit and enterprise of THE TIMES in publishing the full text of Mr. Cocke's excellent paper, read before the Bar Association yesterday evening. The publications rendered by THE TIMES are to be commended to all lawyers, and it is to be hoped that they will be continued.

POLICEMAN SUPERSEDED.

An instance of the advantages attendant on the use of the electric light is reported from London. Systematic robbery of the goods in the yard of a railway station had been carried on for a long time. The manager of the yard slowly fitted up the yard with electric lights, and in a short time more work accomplished at night than the old conditions, but the depredations have entirely ceased, and the savings thus effected have already paid for the cost of the installation.

IRON-SHIPS.

The excellent results attained by Professors of the Naval War College, in the department of the city of Chicago, in the prevention of explosions in the subways of that city by the adoption of a system of thorough ventilation have been communicated by a New York paper to the attention of the local authorities, and it is to be hoped that time to time has been much exercised with the frequent explosions that have taken place in the subways on Broadway and elsewhere. It is shown that the ventilation of the down-town subways through which the electric light posts furnish sufficient ventilation at other points, and that the electric light posts furnish enough air to prevent the accumulation of gas.

THE matter of transportation facilities at Logan City, Ohio, is now well known, and the matter of getting a road to the city is in progress. A road to the city is now all that is needed to make the connection with the rest of the country.

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All of the above enumerated minerals are of a kind that will certainly pay, and are in addition, valuable deposits of gold and silver which may be worth millions. The forests and timber are of great value, and the best remedy for ditches, roads, etc., is to be found in the pine woods.

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But perhaps of even greater value are the manganese and manganiferous ores, of which Mr. Williams says: "I believe that one manganese tract alone is worth more than the whole capital of the company." These words, from such a source, are of great value. All the other manganese tracts are of a like nature.

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